IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2-31, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (original): A distributed processing system comprising:

a first device which saves a driver module that is executed by an external device to achieve a predetermined function; and

a controller for acquiring the driver module from said first device, and transmitting the driver module to a second device that uses said first device,

wherein said second device drives said first device by executing the driver module.

Claims 2-31 (canceled)